

Amendment No. 3 to SB0274

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 274\***

**House Bill No. 322**

by deleting Section 5 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-804, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

**49-6-804. Safety plans and security systems.**

(a) Each LEA, and to the extent applicable, each public charter school, shall adopt a comprehensive district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plans regarding crisis intervention, emergency response, and emergency management. The plans must be developed by a district-wide school safety team and a building-level school safety team established pursuant to this part and must follow the template developed by the state-level safety team. An LEA or public charter school having only one (1) school building shall develop a single building-level school safety plan, which must also fulfill all requirements for the development of a district-wide plan. Each LEA and public charter school shall review each of the plans it adopts pursuant to this subsection (a) annually.

(b) Each private school and each church-related school shall adopt a building-level school safety plan regarding crisis intervention, emergency response, and emergency management. Each private school and each church-related school shall review its plan annually. By October 1, 2023, and by each October 1 thereafter, each private school and each church-related school shall provide the school's building-level school safety plan to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction, as well as any law enforcement agency or other emergency response organization participating in an armed intruder drill under § 49-6-807. As used in this subsection (b):

(1) "Church-related school" means a school as defined in § 49-50-801;  
and

(2) "Private school" means a school accredited by, or a member of, an organization or association approved by the state board of education as an organization accrediting or setting academic requirements in schools, or that has been approved by the state, or is in the future approved by the commissioner in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board of education.

(c) A meeting concerning school security, the district-wide school safety plans, or the building-level school safety plans shall not be subject to the open meetings laws compiled in title 8, chapter 44. Though closed to the general public, reasonable notice must be provided to the general public prior to such a meeting held by an LEA or a public charter school. The local board of education or public charter school governing body shall not discuss or deliberate on any issues or subjects other than school security or the school safety plans adopted pursuant to this section during such a meeting.

(d) By July 1, 2023, and by each July 1 thereafter, each LEA and public charter school shall provide the following to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction, the department of education, and the department of safety:

(1) The LEA's, and to the extent applicable, the public charter school's, district-wide school safety plan;

(2) The building-level school safety plan for each school in the LEA or each public charter school; and

(3) The floor plans for all school buildings within the LEA or used by the public charter school.

(e) Each LEA and public charter school shall also provide the school safety plans described in subsection (d) to a law enforcement agency or other emergency response organization participating in an armed intruder drill under § 49-6-807.

(f) Upon the request of a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction, the department of education, or the department of safety, the LEA or public charter school shall provide any other plans, information, or records regarding school security.

(g)

(1) During a drill or in an emergency situation, each LEA or public charter school shall, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a responding law enforcement agency with access to security systems that may be required for the law enforcement agency's response.

(2) For purposes of this subsection (g), "security systems" includes, but is not limited to, audio recording systems, visual recording systems, and any other cameras, alarm systems, fire systems, communication systems, or other security measures in a school building.

(h) This section does not diminish the jurisdiction of local law enforcement agencies.

**AND FURTHER AMEND** by deleting Section 7 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-807, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

**49-6-807. Annual drills.**

(a) Each school safety team, private school, and church-related school shall annually conduct at least one (1):

- (1) Armed intruder drill;
- (2) Incident command drill; and
- (3) Emergency safety bus drill.

(b)

(1) Each armed intruder drill must be conducted in coordination with the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

(2) Each incident command drill:

(A) Conducted by a school safety team:

- (i) Must be conducted without students present; and
- (ii) Must prepare school staff and law enforcement agencies on what to expect in the event of an emergency situation in the school; and

(B) Conducted by a private school or church-related school:

- (i) May be conducted with or without students present; and
- (ii) Must prepare school staff and law enforcement agencies on what to expect in the event of an emergency situation in the school.

(3) Each emergency safety bus drill:

(A) Conducted by a school safety team:

- (i) Must be conducted without students present; and
- (ii) Must prepare school staff and law enforcement agencies on what to expect in the event of an emergency situation on a school bus; and

(B) Conducted by a private school or church-related school:

- (i) May be conducted with or without students present; and

(ii) Must prepare school staff and law enforcement agencies on what to expect in the event of an emergency situation on a school bus.

(c) The results of a drill conducted pursuant to subsection (a) must be:

(1) Maintained by the school for a minimum of five (5) years;

(2) Made available to:

(i) A local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction, and

(ii) The department of education or the department of safety upon request, if the drill was conducted by a school safety team.

(d) The drills required in subsection (a) are in addition to the drills required in § 68-102-137.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Church-related school" means a school as defined in § 49-50-801;

and

(2) "Private school" means a school accredited by, or a member of, an organization or association approved by the state board of education as an organization accrediting or setting academic requirements in schools, or that has been approved by the state, or is in the future approved by the commissioner in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board of education.